#1-4 represent how we mark “core items,” the minimal necessary items for a complete sentence (depending on the sentence pattern set by the verb).

1. Write S above all Subjects

2. Write V above Verbs
   *connect complementary infinitives to governing verb with a line underneath

3. Write O above Objects of verbs

4. Write C above Subject Complements and Object Complements

5. Put square brackets around subordinate clauses [when you encounter them]
   *include all clauses with infinitive or finite verbs, but not participles;
   **core items within these clauses should be marked as in #1-4 above.

6. Double underline Ablatives Absolute (Greek classes: Genitives Absolute)

7. Put parentheses (around prepositional phrases)

8. Draw arrows from adjectival modifiers to their nounheads.
   * adjectival modifiers include adjectives, participles, and genitive nouns & pronouns
   (arrows from adjectival relative clauses are optional)

9. Draw a box around all coordinating conjunctions such as et [and] sed.

These 9 items are the minimum required for elementary level language classes; intermediate and advanced classes may expand on these.

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